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Observer status for the International Renewable Energy Agency in the General Assembly

Report of the Sixth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The item entitled "Observer status for the International Renewable Energy Agency in the General Assembly" was included in the agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly at the request of the United Arab Emirates.

2. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 16 September 2011, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.

3. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 4th and 17th meetings, on 4 and 21 October 2011. The views of the representatives who spoke during the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.6/66/SR.4 and 17).

4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it a letter dated 11 July 2011 from the Permanent Representative of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/66/145).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.6/66/L.4

5. At the 4th meeting, on 4 October, the representative of the United Arab Emirates, on behalf of Afghanistan, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Monaco, Norway, Qatar, Slovenia, the Sudan, Tonga and the United Arab Emirates, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Observer status for the International Renewable Energy Agency in the General Assembly" (A/C.6/66/L.4). Subsequently, Algeria, Australia, Bahrain, Belgium, the Czech Republic, Egypt, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kuwait, Montenegro, Nauru, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Palau, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Portugal, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Spain,

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Sweden, Thailand and the United States of America joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

6. At its 17th meeting, on 21 October, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/66/L.4 without a vote (see para. 7).

III. Recommendation of the Sixth Committee

7. The Sixth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Observer status for the International Renewable Energy Agency in the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Wishing to promote cooperation between the United Nations and the International Renewable Energy Agency,

1. *Decides* to invite the International Renewable Energy Agency to participate in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly in the capacity of observer;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary action to implement the present resolution.